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1. The new government for Land Rheinland-Pfalz, as finally accepted by General Hettier de Boislambert after discussions with party representatives during the week beginning 22 November 1946, is as follows:

Minister President: Dr. Boden (CDU), former Oberregierungspräsident in Coblenz.

Interior: J. Steffan (SP), former Regierungspräsident in Mainz.

Justice: Dr. Süsterhenn (CDU), lawyer in Coblenz

Culture ("Kultus"): Dr. Lotz (CDU), Oberstudienndirektor in Bingen.

Finance and Economy: Dr. Haberer (CDU), Landrat, Neustadt.

Labor: Paul Böhle (SP), Präsidialdirektor.

Public Welfare: Junglass (CDU).

Reconstruction: Feller (KP), Party Secretary in Ludwigshafen.

Food and Agriculture: Stöbinger (CDU), Landwirt in der Pfalz. 25X1X6

2. On the first day of discussions, Gen. de Boislambert made the party representatives understand that he would form the government, and then immediately disapproved of the candidates proposed by the SP. He opposed Steffan and at first persuaded Steffan to withdraw his candidacy. [REDACTED] is the reason for this action the fact that Steffan is considered the "strong" man of the SP and capable of carrying through his plans by coalition with the CDU. After several unsuccessful attempts to split the SP and to persuade other more amenable SP members to take the Ministries of Interior and Labor, Gen. de Boislambert accepted the government as originally proposed.

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3. [REDACTED] the CDU was unable to maintain a firm front against the General. At first it had drawn up a list of candidates all of whom subscribed to the formation of a "Rheinland-Pfalz" state which would be a member of a German "Bundesstaat" (federation of states). However, the new government includes two CDU opponents to this plan. Haberer and Süsterhenn, both of whom belong to

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the Separatist wing of the CDU. This seems to indicate that the CDU made a compromise with General de Boislambert.

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